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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: IAC's Standing Committee

SECTION I

1. Last week the Army's member objected to the procedure whereby the Standing Committee was called together, for a roundtable discussion on proposed scientific attaches, based on the theory that this was a working committee for the IAC to explore the subject under consideration and then write the required paper thereon for the final consideration of the IAC members. Accordingly, yesterday's meeting of the Standing Committee was held to receive the procedures for the Standing Committee meetings proposed by the Army member, in accordance with paragraph 5c of DCI 1/1.

2. In discussing the Army's Proposal (Enclosure A herewith), the Navy member of the Standing Committee suggested that instead of papers being prepared by "the appropriate member" they should be prepared by ICAPS, the members of which would call at the respective departments and talk over the subject before writing up the paper. The State Department member also thought this system preferable: - to have the Standing Committee members act as a screening body in their respective departments, but to have ICAPS do the actual preparation of the papers.

3. Some of these proposals were in line with CIA's memoranda of August 15, 1947, "Reorganization of CIG," and September 18, 1947, "Interdepartmental Coordination and Planning," to which we have received no replies from the IAC agencies, except noncommittal "clarification" requests from the Army and Navy regarding the September 18 memorandum. Accordingly, I read those two memoranda at the meeting.

4. After considerable friendly discussion (very mild and pleasant when compared with the rest of these meetings) the Standing Committee set up the procedures listed in Enclosure B herewith.

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